held by Food Corporation of India during the last three years :—

(Figs. in lakh MTs)

Financial Year	Average FCI's stock holding per month in the country.	Total food-grain stock damaged FCI during the Year in the country.	%of damaged stocks to the inaverage FCI's stocks holding per month in the country
1991—92	118.52	0.199	0.17
1992—93	97.39	0.103	0.11
1993—94	168.47	0.113	0.07
	(IN GUJARAT STATE)		
1991—92	5.03 lakh MTs	398.687 M.T.	0.08
1992—93	4.11 lakh MTs	382.433 M.T.	0.09
1993—94	8.95 lakh MTs	2022.532 M.T.	0.23

(b) The steps taken by Food Corporation of India to minimise such damage are :—

(i) Creation of additional scientific storage godowns with rodent and damp proof facilities.

(ii) Providing extra protection to foodgrain stocks stored in open complex with good quality LDPE covers.

(iii) By arranging periodical and surprise inspection of foodgrains and also using prophylactic and curative treatments.

(iv) Loading of foodgrains in cleaned and covered wagons to avoid damages of foodgrains during transportation.

(v) Machine stitching of bags for foodgrains at the time of procurement.

Setting up of FCI Offices/Godowns in Gujarat

2782. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up offices/godowns of the Food Corporation of India in those areas of Gujarat State where these do not exist ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the locations where these are likely to be set up ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Food Corporation of India has informed that they have a proposal under their consideration for reorganisation of the FCI set-up in Gujarat Region with a view to set up new District Offices, wherever necessary. They also propose to construct a godown of 10,000 MT capacity at Bharuch during the 8th Five Year Plan.

Supply of Imported Sugar under PDS

2783. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether imported sugar is being supplied to card holders of Delhi under PDS at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof with stock availability of the same for future;

(c) whether it is a fact that prior to this imported sugar was offered for sale in open market ;

(d) if so, the details thereof with sale in open market month-wise and total quantity sold ;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the sale of imported sugar in open market was not encouraging ;

(f) whether it is also a fact that ration card holders of Delhi declined to take supply of imported sugar because of its poor quality ; and

(g) if so, the reasons for forcible sale through PDS and the reasons for bulk import without making trial sale thus wasting valuable foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Food Corporation of India has reported that quantity of 9,511 tonnes of imported sugar was available in their godowns in Delhi as on 1-12-1994.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.